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## AMENDMENT

✓ Delete the Abstract as filed and insert the attached Abstract on a separate sheet.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

- 5 1. (Amended) A structural component of fiber-reinforced thermoplastic material comprising:  
a shape-forming long-fiber-reinforced thermoplastic matrix and separate, single load-bearing  
plastified and consolidated continuous fiber strands with a thermoplastic matrix in a defined  
position within the structural component, the positions of the shape-forming long-fiber-  
reinforced thermoplastic matrix and the separate, single load-bearing plastified and consolidated  
continuous fiber strands with a thermoplastic matrix defining interfaces therebetween;  
10 said continuous fiber strands being interconnected and having at least one load-transmitting flat  
internal connecting area between two continuous fiber strands;  
15 wherein the single continuous fiber strands form a load-bearing supporting structure which is  
integrated in and thermoplastically bonded to the long-fiber-reinforced thermoplastic matrix at  
the interfaces therebetween.

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